

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 11, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Commending Christopher Daveta on eight years of service to the City as Project Manager in SPCD.
4. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating Mary Kate Ring on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

5. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Environment Programs Manager update this Board with a report on the Kiley Barrel site and the risks to the community of what was released into the air.
6. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Communications notify all residents, via the Connect CTY system, of new fire lanes upon their approval.
7. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the ADA Coordinator inform cab drivers of the legal obligations regarding guide dogs.
8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Public Works check the streetlights around Faulkner Tower for proper operation.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking check the visual and audible traffic signals at Highland Ave. and Walnut St. and at Highland Ave. and Medford St.

10. Resolution By Ald. White, That this Board requests that the Administration include funding for the Senior Arts and Crafts program in the next fiscal budget.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO RIGHT TURN sign at the exit of the City Hall Annex parking lot.
12. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign at the Marshall St. end of Evergreen Ave.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Public Works replace the tree at 50 Sargent Ave.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Public Works paint lane markers on the roadway from Temple St. to Mystic Ave.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, Sullivan, Desmond, Connolly and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install Shore Dr. street signs at all Shore Dr. intersections.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Alderman on 199 Summer St. and any future plans to remove the boarded-up windows.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracked sidewalk panel at 4 Highland Ave.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Public Works repair the cracked sidewalk panel at 44 Columbus Ave.
19. Order By Ald. Taylor, Sullivan, White and Roche, That the Chief of Police add the parking area in the rear of 25 Highland Ave. to the regular patrol due to vandalism there.
20. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install GO SLOW - CHILDREN signs on Alston St.
21. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the Administration update the Ward 1 Alderman and the Aldermen at Large on the vagrants congregating in the wooded area behind Broadway Brake and adjacent to I-93.
22. Order By Ald. Roche, That the City Solicitor advise this Board of the legality of issuing food businesses a property tax for the proportional use of the sidewalks used for seating patrons.

23. Order By Ald. Roche, Pero, Sullivan, Desmond, Connolly and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health install DO NOT FEED THE PIGEONS signs at Fellsway West and Broadway, along the median separating Foss Park from Broadway and near Stimpson Sq.

24. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the City Solicitor report to this Board the process by which a Zoning Board of Appeals decision can be reconsidered.

25. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police conduct traffic enforcement at the corner of Pearl and Medford Sts. and issue citations for the illegal left hand turn motorists take into the gas station.

26. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Otis St.

27. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement at Broadway and Hathorn St.

28. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That this Board requests that the Administration provide an update on when funds will be requested for the handicapped chair lift at the Traffic and Parking Building on Holland St.

29. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign for Electric Ave. at Mason St.

30. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Trane White, Desmond and Connolly, That the City Solicitor report to this Board all legal options available to compel the owner of 50 Tufts St. to demolish the structure.

31. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Trane White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the policy and procedures for the use of the Connect CTY system in issuing public safety bulletins.

32. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Trane, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of SPCD update this Board on how many trash ordinance violations and warnings were issued this year and how many were appealed, by ward.

33. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking update this Board on #183786 and #183787, from the July 26, 2007, meeting.

34. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Trane, Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to request that the port-a-potty at Dilboy Field be unlocked during youth sporting events including practices and that additional trash cans be added and trash removed on a regular schedule.

35. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-stripe all faded yellow single and double lines, citywide, beginning with the major roadways.

36. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board his opinion on a crosswalk on Medford St. between Trull and Cedar Sts.

37. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with all findings on the fencing at the Brown School, including engineering reports.

38. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration consider naming the open space by the Durrell School on Beacon St. in honor of Jim Stace and the late Gerry Redmond, who successfully fought the state's plan to reconstruct Beacon St. into the Route 2 Extension.

39. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to remove the double pole at 155 Elm St.

40. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to repair the street lights at 160 Orchard St. and 53 Lowden Ave.

41. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a pedestrian crossing button and signal on the pole on the northwest and northeast corners of Willow Ave. and Summer St.

42. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 6 Alderman the feasibility of installing a drain in the street at 10 Cutter Ave.

43. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration and Assessor make information about the Property Tax Deferral Program more readily accessible to residents, as it is underutilized but significantly benefits income eligible residents over 65.

44. Resolution By Ald. White, That this Board requests that the Administration direct SPCD and the Assessor to analyze the impact of condominium conversions from 2002 through 2006, and include the likely demographic groups that were impacted, and their effect on city finances.

- 45. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the depressed roadway and asphalt sidewalk at 58 Day St.
- 46. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police add additional patrols to the Elm St., Holland St., College Ave. and Highland Ave. areas, as several storefront windows have been vandalized in the early morning hours recently.
- 47. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to request a written report for this Board, prior to its next regular meeting, on the future of their transfer station on Willow Ave.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 48. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, Oct. 2.
- 49. Committee Report Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Oct. 2.
- 50. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Oct. 9.
- 51. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, Oct. 9.
- 52. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Oct. 9.
- 53. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Oct. 10.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 54. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$948,053 for participation in the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program.
- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$925,181 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Salaries Acct. to fund the FY08 salary and wage provisions of the Agreement with the Police Employees Association, from 7/1/04 to 6/30/08.

56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$135,825 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Public Works Building & Grounds Capital Equipment Acct. to purchase 35 "Big Belly" Barrel Cordless Compaction Systems.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$1,558 from Salary Contingency Acct. to Exec. Administration Salaries Acct. for the longevity component of a salary adjustment that was partially implemented last year.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$100 from the Election Postage Acct. to the Equipment Acct. to cover the cost of circular voting booths.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$6,187.56 in the DPW for Waste Management.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$345,680 from the MA Exec. Office of Public Safety to the Police for Community Policing .
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$4,125 for intergenerational program support from the Somerville Health Foundation to the Council on Aging,
62. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Mattera as a Firefighter.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Richard Graf as an Associate Member of the Planning Board.
64. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming Oct. 24, 2007 as "United Nations Day".

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

65. Officer's Comm. Animal Control Officer and Director of Public Health responding to #184181.
66. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

67. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Bookwalters 4th Birthday Party, Lexington Park, Oct. 13, 11:30-2PM.
68. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Pride Girls Basketball Canning Drive, Various Locations, Nov. 3, 8-2PM.

- 69. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Mass Auto Repair, 627-631 Somerville Ave., 14 autos.
- 70. Garage Renewal of Garage License, NStar Electric & Gas Corp., 181 McGrath Highway, 20 autos.
- 71. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer License, Frank & Ed's Automotive, 483 Somerville Ave., 6 autos.
- 72. Extended Retail Hrs New Extended Retail Hours Permit, Wings Over Somerville, 519 Somerville Ave., Fri. & Sat. until 2AM.
- 73. Comm. Peter Ungar, Foss Park Neighborhood Association, re: residential permit parking on Fellsway West.
- 74. Comm. Peter Ungar, Foss Park Neighborhood Association, re: traffic calming on Fellsway West.

LATE ITEMS